



A monthly newsletter of The First United Methodist Church-Salem, OR

THE SPIRE

October 2017

Save the Dates!



29th Annual Alternative Christmas Market
Saturday, December 2, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 3, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

A wonderful start to the Christmas season of giving! Over 20 charities offer opportunities to help local to global causes, holiday treats, handmade crafts, and other items.
Give the World a Gift

Saturday of Service is October 21

There are many ways to be involved during Saturdays of Service. Sign up to help make soup, set up and clean up before/after lunch (10:30 a.m.-1:30p.m.), head out to serve in the community (after lunch until 3:30), or stay at the church to help with Backpack Buddies. Look for sign-up sheets in upcoming Sunday bulletins or follow the link to Volunteer Spot on the Salem FUMC website (salemfirstumc.org). Online registration begins October 1.

Questions? Email us at Saturdaysofservice@gmail.com. Thanks and see you on October 21!

UMCOR Responds to Hurricane Victims

The United Methodist Church supports the United Methodist Committee on Relief's administration costs through our regular giving (apportionments) so 100% of donations given using specific "advance numbers" go directly to that specific disaster or emergency. The advance number for UMCOR's relief and long-term recovery efforts in the U.S. is #901670. You may make your donation through the Sunday offering (identified by the UMCOR advance number).

Over \$5,500 in donations have been given (as of September 20) from the people of Salem First UMC! Thank you for your support!

Worship Schedule Sundays

Sunday Worship

8:45 a.m. MICAH Worship Center (Praise Service)
11:15 a.m. Sanctuary Service (Traditional Service)

October 1 - World Communion

A Living Faith:
United Before Christ
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16;
Philippians 2:1-11

October 8 - Bell Sunday

Stewardship of Life:
Care for Creation
Genesis 1:1-15; Psalm 19:1-6

October 15

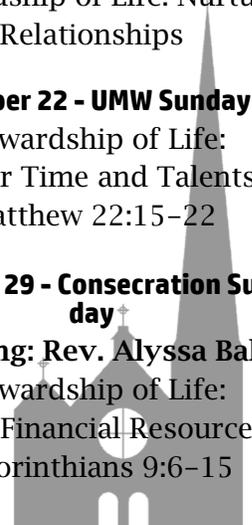
Preaching: Dr. Jeffrey Kuan,
President, Claremont
School of Theology
Stewardship of Life: Nurture Relationships

October 22 - UMW Sunday

Stewardship of Life:
Honor Time and Talents
Matthew 22:15-22

October 29 - Consecration Sunday

Preaching: Rev. Alyssa Baker
Stewardship of Life:
Share Financial Resources
2 Corinthians 9:6-15



“Mission u” Report

by Barbara Alexander

I attended “Mission u” in July and had a great time. Last month I told you about one study while I was there. The second study I took was about Missionary Conferences. The Conferences we studied were The Alaska Missionary Conference, Appalachia and the Red Bird Missionary Conference, the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, and the Central Jurisdiction and the Rio Grande Conference.

This study was a little harder because I learned about the darker side of the men and women who represented the Church and its beliefs – that they believed their way was the only way to believe in God. If you believed another way you were beaten or killed. I am mostly talking about the way the Native Americans were treated – as second-class citizens.

The study was worthwhile; I’m glad I had a chance to learn about earlier Conferences in our history.

SENIOR MINISTRIES



Generations Monthly Potlucks

Third Wednesday of the Month
October 18, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Dining Room – Main Building

Bring a dish to share and join our active age 50+ group for a speaker and potluck each third Wednesday of the month. Information about this month’s program will be available soon in Sunday bulletins and the FUMC weekly email update.

Even if you’re not a cook, please come! We will offer an opportunity to donate towards expenses. Coffee, cups, plates, napkins, and silverware will be provided, but please bring a serving utensil for your shared dish.

VOLUNTEER

**Persons wishing to do a little good
for hungry people**

JOB: box packing (on your feet) or intake (sitting with computer)

WHERE: Jason Lee Food Bank

HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday; 9:00 a.m.–Noon when needed and depending on the volunteer’s availability

PAY: Gratitude of the hungry families served AND of the scheduler who has to fill 18 slots every week

TO APPLY or for more information, call or email Carolyn McMillan at 503-588-2114 or jmcmilla@willamette.edu

Ushers Needed for Sanctuary Service

We are looking for two people who are willing to serve as ushers in the sanctuary service one Sunday each month (3rd or 4th Sunday). No previous experience is necessary; training will be provided. Please contact Tom Kirk at 503-930-2739 or tkirkjr@comcast.net, or Marla Kirk at 503-930-4627.

Sound Technicians and Projectionist

Techies, we need you! Sound technicians are needed for both services and special events. Training will be provided.

Projectionists are also needed.

Please contact Leta Brewster at letabrewster@yahoo.com or 503-400-3302.

Food Bank Report

The end of October ushers in ghosts and goblins for the Halloween holiday. What treats can we give the Food Bank this month? Please make them nutritious – bakeries can donate leftover cookies and pastries, but folks need foods with protein, fiber, vitamins, and minerals. Leave the tricking to other people. Through September we’ve donated 22,299 pounds to the Jason Lee Food Bank. Way to go!

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

I Love You More. (No I Love YOU More)

Is this the argument that you and your significant other have been having recently? I didn't think so. But Family Matters is delving into this topic with our favorite marriage people (who have adorable names to boot!) Les and Leslie Parrott. And it's important stuff they are talking about: COMMUNICATION.

How to make the thorns in your marriage come up roses. The big and little annoyances in your marriage are actually opportunities to deepen your love for each other. Relationship experts and award-winning authors Les and Leslie Parrott believe that your personal quirks and differences (where you squeeze the toothpaste tube, how you handle money) can actually help draw you together, provided you handle them correctly. Turn your marriage's prickly issues into opportunities to love each other more as you learn how to build intimacy while respecting personal space, tap the power of a positive marriage attitude, replace boredom with fun, irritability with patience, busyness with time together, debt with a team approach to your finances . . . and much, much more. Plus, get an inside look at the very soul of your marriage, and how connecting with God can connect you to each other in ways you never dreamed.

Come join us Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in room B-8 for some great conversation!

P.S. - On October 1 we are going to meet to talk about planning out the rest of the year. Come join us for that, too!

Welcome Our New Childcare Coordinator

Mora Carpenter is now helping to coordinate childcare providers for the nurseries at FUMC.

Mora has several years of experience working in childcare at FUMC, having worked with three different childcare coordinators and with all ages of children. Her past experiences working with children and families is varied and includes experience assisting a Salem-Keizer Pre-K teacher set up classrooms, four summers volunteering for "Safety Town," and caring for her nieces and nephews.



SOMETHING is BREWING!

Location:
2325 Egan Rd NE
Silverton OR 97381

open door Halloween Family Fun Barn

- Halloween Fun for All Ages
- Costumes Encouraged
- Food and Drinks
- Pumpkins Galore
- Games, Activities, Prizes and Candy!
- All children are invited!

Followed by the youth group's dance "Boo Bash Boogie" at 7:30.

Contact Roberta Moore at 503-510-9006 for questions or to volunteer.

Saturday, October 28th
5:30-7:00 p.m.

There is much excitement brewing about a new October event for Open Door Youth AND Families!

On Saturday, October 28, preceding the youth dance at "The Barn" (near Silverton), children ages 0 to 5th grade are invited to bring their families and wear costumes to a time for games, treats, and general Halloween-Harvesty activities from 5:30 to 7 p.m.!

Save this date on your calendars!

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2017 Budget	July	August	Total	66.67% of budget
Total Income	\$567,134.00	\$45,514.38	\$44,334.45	\$383,196.81	67.57%
Total Expenses	\$566,766.00	\$48,065.28	\$46,814.72	\$380,748.97	67.18%

Notes from the Finance Committee

Hello everyone,

Here are a couple of observations relating to our church's income and expenses for the general account through August.

1. Still good news that 2/3 of the way through the year, we are almost \$2,500 ahead of budget... even after August expenses exceeding income again last month.
2. General giving/open plate is still about \$1,300 ahead of budget year-to-date, but the trend had been lower the last three months. Building use continues to be ahead of budget.
3. When I talk about trends or quote specific numbers, it can be a lot for us individually, but we should think about the amounts in relation to a \$567,000 budget. Pretty small variances per centage-wise and we are blessed to have a reserve account.
4. We have had NW Natural Level Pay on our buildings and the amount increased during the year. We reached out to them to get an estimate of where we stood now and were told it probably will increase again. That means we underestimated our utilities expense for the buildings in 2017.

The Finance Committee will meet in October to review year-to-date through September and new projections through year-end plus review the 2018 clergy salary package recommendation by Open Door Churches.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Steve Horning
Finance Committee Chair

Open Door Churches: United Methodist Ministries of Salem-Keizer

Englewood UMC
The Rev. Sandra Kimbrow
ewoodumc@comcast.net
Worship: 11:15 a.m.

Keizer Clear Lake UMC
The Rev. Alyssa Baker
Office@kclumc.org

Morningside UMC
The Rev. Wendy Woodworth
pastorwendymumc@gmail.com
Worship: 10:00 a.m.



First UMC of Salem
The Rev. Dan Pitney
dpitney@wvi.com
Worship: 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.

Las Naciones UMC
The Rev. Jorge Rodriguez
salemhispanicumc@gmail.com
Worship: Noon.

Trinity UMC
The Rev. Sandra Kimbrow
skimbrowp@aol.com
Worship: 9:00 a.m.

YOUTH NEWS

Open Door Youth

As many of you have heard, September 1 marked a change in leadership in our youth programs. Heather Hawkins has transitioned to working with young families and I (Jeff Lowery) will be leading the Open Door Youth program. I'm excited to be a part of such a great program and deeply appreciate all of the great work that Heather and the Youth Council have done to make youth ministry in Salem so strong.

I am looking forward to getting to know the families and youth better as we work together to grow in our faith. Although I have been a part of the youth ministry program here in some capacity for the past few years, I thought I would tell you all a little bit more about me as I step into a larger role.

I grew up in a United Methodist Church in the suburbs of Chicago, but have lived in the Pacific Northwest for almost 20 years. I am an Ordained Deacon in The United Methodist Church and received a Master of Divinity from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. I moved to the west coast for my seminary internship in youth ministry at Wesley UMC in Yakima, Washington. Over the years I have worked with youth in a variety of ways including the past 7 years as director and founder of the youth mission trip program L.A.S.T. (Learning and Serving Together).

I live in Portland with my wife Eilidh, who is a pastor, and our 12 year old daughter Paige, who is a 7th grader at Sellwood Middle School. For the past 5 years we have been appointed to start a new United Methodist congregation in the Sellwood neighborhood. When I get a little free time I love to play music and have been playing guitar and writing songs since I was a teenager.

Pastor Jeff

Exciting Youth Ministry Dates on the Horizon!

October 1

Youth Group at the regular fall time, 12:30-2:00 p.m.

October 8

Youth Group at the regular fall time 12:30-2:00 p.m.

October 15

Youth Group at the regular fall time 12:30-2:00 p.m.

October 22

Youth Group at the regular fall time 12:30-2:00 p.m.

October 28

Boo Bash Boogie, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

October 29

No Youth Group this Sunday

February 10

Save the date for the Annual Youth Auction!

Follow and "Like" Us!

The youth ministry has been busy, busy as usual and we've got lots of photos, videos, and updates to prove it! To stay up to date with all our happenings, be sure to follow us on Facebook at "Salem/Keizer UMC youth" and on Instagram @salemfirstumcyouth, #SFUMCyouth, #600StateSt. This is the best way to stay connected to our activities! If you are not on the email list and would like to be, contact Jeff at directoroflast@gmail.com to be included.



Facebook



Instagram

MISSIONS AND SOCIAL CONCERNS

Praying and Volunteers Help

When a once-in-a-lifetime storm hammered Texas folks came and helped. Because of the early response, lives were saved. Sadly, the loss of life is still being counted and the injury list ranges in the thousands. Vast numbers of homes were inundated, while loss of possessions was stark as furniture was piled at the curbstones in waterlogged neighborhoods.

What was amazing was the legion of volunteers from every state in the union who came to help out. There was wall-to-wall praying and hugging from the president and his wife to untold thousands of fellow Americans.

We live in an amazing country with amazing people. Truly, we are all blessed.

The Mission Café supports three overseas United Methodist missionaries in Nepal and Alaska. Your donations are important for our continued effort to help them. Visit the Mission Café on Sunday mornings. (We are now serving Sumatra Dark Roast – full-bodied with a smooth mouth feel and lingering herbal flavors.)

“Called to Love!” Workshop

A workshop to help churches create an atmosphere of warm welcome, acceptance, and safety for gender-nonconforming and LGBTQ persons of all ages will be held on Saturday, October 21, from 8:30 a.m. to noon in second floor spaces at MICAH. This practical workshop is being offered by our annual conference to help us focus our ministries with those who all too often experience rejection. The event will feature a panel of persons affected by LGBTQ issues and the church (including Heather Hawkins, the Rev. Wendy Woodworth, and Bob Edwards), as well as a discussion led by the Revs. Jim and Bonnie Parr Phillipson, retired Oregon-Idaho United Methodist clergy. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

To register, go online to <https://umoi-reg.brtapp.com/CalledtoLove>. This Please register no later than noon on Monday, October 16. (Childcare can be provided for children 8 years old or younger if requested as part of the registration process.) If you have questions, please contact Laura Metzger at lemetz@aol.com or the church office at 503-364-6709. (If this date doesn't work for you, the workshop will also be offered at First UMC in Gresham on Saturday, October 28, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Register for this session by Monday, October 23.)

EDUCATION

This fall the **Digging Deeper** class (which meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Carrier Room) is reflecting theologically and ethically on how we should understand and live in our “earth household.” On October 1 Dr. Joe Bowersox, Dempsey Professor of Environmental and Earth Sciences at Willamette University, will share how he approaches environmental ethics in the classroom at our friendly, local United Methodist-related university. Based on Prof. Bowersox's presentation, Jody Felton and Charlie Wallace will choose additional material from *Moral Ground: Ethical Action for a Planet in Peril* (Trinity University Press, 2010, Kathleen Dean Moore and Michael P. Nelson, eds.) to continue the discussion on October 8, 15, and 22.

A new study, “Reformation(s) – Luther, Wesley, a Bunch of Other People... and Us,” will begin October 29.

UM Beliefs and Social Principles

Beginning Sunday, October 29, the Rev. Dr. Joe Scahill will lead a four-week class outlining the beliefs and social principles of The United Methodist Church. The class will meet in room 108 at 10:00 a.m. *United Methodist Beliefs: A Brief Introduction* by William W. Willimon and *Social Principles of The United Methodist Church* (2017–2020) will be used as resources. (See the Fall 2017 Christian Education brochure for more details.)

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UMW Sunday

Sunday, October 22, will be here before you know it. It's UMW Sunday! During both the 8:45 and 11:15 services women will be in leadership roles - preaching, singing, and being acolytes, ushers, and liturgists. We look forward to seeing everybody that day.

UMW at the Alternative Christmas Market

Crafters, where are you? It's not too early to start thinking about donating handcrafted items for the United Methodist Women's table at the annual Alternative Christmas Market. We would welcome any donations. It would help if you would do your own pricing. We will also be selling our nuts, of course. Please leave items in the church office for Barbara Alexander, labeled "Alternative Christmas Market." Thank you in advance.

UMW Circle Meetings

Mia Adjali Circle

The Mia Adjali Circle will meet on Monday, October 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Carrier Room. There will be a program, friends, friendships, and refreshments. All women are welcome. See you there.

Ruth Erbele Circle

The Ruth Erbele Circle will meet on Monday, October 9, at Noon in the Carrier Room. Jean Corcoran will be our host. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information, please contact Emily Broussard at 503-304-4410.



Location:
2325 Egan Rd NE
Silverton OR 97381

open door ministry

Halloween Barn Dance

- Food
- Games
- Photo Booth
- DJ with music
- Costume Contest
- Prizes
- \$5 at the door

All youth from 6th grade through 18 years old are invited!

Saturday, October 28th
7:30-9:30 p.m.

Get your ghoulish dancing shoes on for a fun evening Saturday, October 28, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The Open Doors Youth Group will host a Halloween themed barn dance with a DJ, dancing, food, a costume contest, and photo booth. Cost is \$5 and the dance will be held at 2325 Egan Road in Silverton. For more information about the dance contact David Deckelmann at 503-508-5085 or salemumyouth@gmail.com.

Union Gospel Mission's Annual Harvest Dessert

Friday, October 13, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Keizer Civic Center (930 Chemawa Road NE)

FUMC has been asked to host a table for the annual harvest dessert held by UGM. Let Mary Ann Robinson (503-393-7377) know by Friday, October 6, if you'd like to help represent our congregation and see what God is doing at UGM to help feed the spiritual, physical, intellectual, and relational hungers of those in need in our community. The evening is fun, wonderfully organized, the desserts are fabulous, and your \$25 donation is very much appreciated.



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Mission Bells Director **Glenda Serex**

Praise Band/Crossfire Director **Jennie Pitney**

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Spire deadlines

Please submit your articles by **NOON of the deadline date**. Articles received after the deadline will be held for the next issue. (if appropriate).

2017 Spire deadlines:
November issue—October 20
December issue—November 10

E-mail articles for *The Spire* to the church office, salem1st@wvi.com

Please include the word *"SPIRE"* and the subject of your article in the subject line. Be sure to include a phone number with your article. Articles longer than 300 words *may be edited to fit*.